

Stimulus Opportunities
Business Roundtables

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This presentation includes:

- The Basics
- What is the Stimulus and what does it mean for Pennsylvania?
- How do I access these funds?

- Business Funding Sources
- Who should I contact?

- Resources

What is the Stimulus and what does it mean
for Pennsylvania?

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- On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
- Pennsylvania expects to receive an estimated \$16 billion from the federal government.

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Direct Benefits to Pennsylvanians

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..Tax Rebates—Over five million Pennsylvanians will take home more in their pay check due to the \$400 tax rebate provided for individuals earning under \$75,000 or the \$800 tax rebate for families with earnings under \$150,000.

..Federal Tax Cut—With the correction in the federal AMT calculation, over 970,000 Pennsylvania families will have more disposable income because they will pay less in federal taxes.

..College Tax Credit—An estimated 138,000 Pennsylvania families will get extra help from the American Opportunity Tax Credit to pay for college this fall.

..Increased Unemployment Benefits—For Pennsylvanians who have lost their jobs, as of March 10th, the checks they receive every other week for unemployment compensation will include an extra \$25 per, and for those who lost their jobs as of last September, if they are not working yet, unemployment compensation payments will be extended to 59 weeks.

Direct Benefits to Pennsylvanians (cont.)

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..COBRA—for some of the unemployed—those that received health benefits on the job, the stimulus package will help them keep their health benefits. This benefit is limited to those who lost their jobs in the last six months. The federal government will rebate via refundable tax credits to the employer, 65% of the employees COBRA premium. The former employee is required to pay the balance of the COBRA premium.

..Increased food stamp benefits—Nearly 1.3 million Pennsylvania families receiving food stamps will have approximately \$32 more per month to spend on food – increasing sales in grocery stores across the state by a half billion dollars a year.

..Medicaid—Over two million Pennsylvanians can continue to get health care via the Medicaid program.

..SCHIP—With passage of the federal SCHIP bill in late January, new federal funds helped preserve Pennsylvania's Cover All Kids program, which continued to sign up children and offer health insurance to 186,000 children in the Commonwealth.

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The

\$16 Billion Dollar

Business

Question?

Show Us The Money?

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How do Businesses Access
Funding?

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Stimulus Distribution

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- Over 100 Spending Streams
- Thousands Of Recipients
- Federal, State and Local Government
- Other Entities

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Accountability

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Governors, mayors, or others making funding decisions must certify investments have been fully vetted and are appropriate uses of tax payer dollars.

- Grantees must submit quarterly reports detailing the use of funds to the Granting Agency.
- Reports available on single searchable website, accessible by the public without cost, for each federal award of \$25,000 or more over the life of any sub-award.
- PA one of 16 states General Accounting Office is monitoring.
- Applicants and sub-recipients, other than individuals, are required to have a Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and to maintain a current Central Contractor Registration.
- Whistleblowers are protected.

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Education: \$84 billion for businesses that provide services to local schools for children, adults, dislocated workers and at-risk youth. These services can include providing software or other equipment to schools for training and rehabilitation, conducting research, evaluation and strategic planning.

Energy: \$43 billion for businesses that conduct energy research related to developing clean/green energy or batteries, including fuel-cell vehicles or that promote services that encourage energy conservation. Projects that use biofuels, geothermal, water, wind or solar power are included as well.

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- Additional tax refunds for businesses with gross revenue under \$15 million
- If taxes paid in 2003-2007, you can now get some of that money back. Previous tax law only allowed a two-year “carry back.”
- Businesses which employ workers who have been out of job for more than 6 months/ students who left school 6 months back and are still unemployed, will receive special tax credits

- Increased lending capability for the Small Business Administration
- The ARRA expands the SBA’s abilities to fund your business by increasing their guarantee percentage to 90% and increasing the loan amount to \$2 million. There is an additional loan program of \$35,000 per business for repayment of debt.

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- Increased, faster depreciation
- Any items purchased for your business in 2008 or 2009 can now be depreciated quicker and up to a higher dollar value (50% depreciation allowance for 2008).
- Depreciation lowers the Adjusted Gross Income, which is the number the IRS uses to decide your tax burden. Therefore, depreciating purchases more quickly and for higher dollar amounts lowers taxes due. One caveat: these purchases do not include “real” property—like buildings, land, or even new walls for an office.
- If your business is in a federally recognized “Enterprise Zone”—an economically challenged area,—there are even greater depreciation benefits available.

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs)

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Includes local thrifts, banks and non-profits that serve low-income neighborhoods

The Stimulus law and budget plan allocate about \$400 million over two years to community lenders, a huge increase from the roughly \$50 million in 2008.

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Other Opportunities

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- Broadband
- School Modernization
- School Technology
- Housing Rehabilitation
- Energy Efficiency
- Electrical
- Paving

Broadband

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Application & Information

<http://www.broadbandusa.gov>

How Do I Access this Funding? Special Insight for Businesses

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- Review your organization's past history of government funding.
- Complete an inventory or audit of your services.
- Assess opportunities by funding category, including the status of all review and approval processes.
- Timelines for applying for and getting stimulus funds vary by Department and Agency.

How Do I Access this Funding? Special Insight for Businesses

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- Partner with federal, state or local agency with jurisdiction over the federal recovery funding program.
- Prioritize “ready to go” opportunities that do not require sustainable funding.
- Monitor the recovery websites (www.recovery.pa.gov), federal and state agency websites.

General Guidance

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In deciding how to allocate Stimulus resources, organizations should fund expenditures that can be funded within two years and do not need to be sustained in the future.

Funding Rollout -Federal

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Register in advance so you can get notice of funding opportunities:

- a. For grants(when the federal government issues a grant to an organization to perform certain functions): register at www.grants.gov
- b. For direct contracts(when the federal government hires a particular entity to do something): register at www.fbo.gov [“FBO” = Federal Business Opportunities”]
- c. For either:many agencies allow you to register directly with them for information. For instance, the Recovery site for the Department of Health & Human Services allows you to sign up to receive emails or RSS feeds; see the lower right sidebar at <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/>.

Funding Rollout -Federal

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- Preference for Quick-Start Activities: Use it or Lose it!

- Prohibited Uses: No funds for zoos, aquariums, golf courses, stadiums, swimming pools or casinos.

- Federal prevailing wage rate policy applies.

- Buy America Provisions prevail but can be waived by federal agencies.

Funding Rollout -Local

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Local

Area Agencies on AgingHousing Authorities

Community Action AgenciesMetro planning organizations

County & Municipal GovernmentsSchool Boards

Community Health CentersRural planning organizations

Workforce Investment Boards

Funding Rollout -State

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State of Pennsylvania

Will use its existing transparent processes for awarding grants and making funding decisions.

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Contracting Opportunities

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PA Stimulus

<http://www.recovery.pa.gov>

Federal Grants

www.grants.gov

Federal Contracts

www.fbo.gov

PA General Services

<http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/>

PA Transportation

<http://www.dot.state.pa.us>

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Regional Stimulus Forums

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May 22 –Pittsburgh

May 27 –Harrisburg

May 29 –Beaver/Lawrence

June 3 –County Human
Services Administrators

June 4 –Gettysburg

June 10 –Reading

June 19 –Lebanon

June 22-Harrisburg

(Statewide Forum)

June 23 –Scranton

June 30 –Lehigh Valley

July 6 –Mercer

July 14 –York

July 20 -Philadelphia

Public Officials

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State Senator Mike Waugh

State Rep. Eugene DePasquale

State Rep. Maurie Gingrich

State Rep. Rosemary Swanger

State Rep. Jake Wheatley

State Rep. Jewell Williams

Commissioner Joe Spanik

U.S. Senator Bob Casey

U.S. Senator Arlen Specter

U.S. Rep. Kathy Dahlkemper

U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent

U.S. Rep. Tim Holden

State Senator Rich Alloway

State Senator Pat Browne

Reflections From Regional Forums

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- Lack of Working Capital
- Devalued Collateral Assets
- Lack Detailed Knowledge of Funding Opportunities
- Need for Grassroots Outreach
- 18 –24 month process
- Stimulus Initiative Is Bigger Than Any Single Organization

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•White House Recovery Website:

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

•Pennsylvania Recovery Website:

<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/>

•Stimulus for Businesses Tips:

<http://www.2009stimulusforbusiness.com>

•National Council of State Legislatures:

<http://www.ncsl.org/statefed/2009economicstimulus.htm>

•Full Text of Legislation:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:h.r.00001:>

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